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FISMA Discussion



- Using Contractor Resources
- 2008 FISMA Guidance
- Certification and Accreditation
- FISMA Template
- FISMA Guidance



Using Contractor Resources

- The Government uses contractor personnel to satisfy several different FISMA requirements. How much should we rely on the contractors, and what should be inherently governmental?
- Complicated by contractor-owned, contractor-operated systems; and subcontractors working directly for the contractor



2008 FISMA Guidance

- Anticipated Privacy Act emphasis in the 2008 FISMA guidance



Certification and Accreditation

- What constitutes a significant change to a system, requiring a new security accreditation
- Version number vs. added interconnections
- What documentation should be kept when the risk-level assessed to a specific control changes



FISMA Template



- How is your agency treating the FISMA template requirement (like an audit with full support, or requests from management to fill in the blanks, or a combination of each)
- How should the template be accomplished? (At the FISMA hearing on 2/14/08, the testimony revealed that some Agencies do not use GAGAS)



FISMA Guidance



- How to conduct a full FISMA audit using not only NIST guidelines, but FIPS, GAO, OMB and others



- Questions/Comments?